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I talked to John Brown this morning about Guy de Camoy's manuscript. He thinks it can be placed in America and we are to discuss this further next week.

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He says ~~that~~ the translation of my book will appear in Paris this autumn and he is shortly to furnish it to me.

We lunched with Bourges-Maunoury, Minister of Finance, and his wife. It was ~~very~~ jolly, with the Clermont Tonneres, the Tomlinsons, and others. Bourges said ~~that~~ yesterday he had been confident the Mayer Government would remain in office but ~~that~~ this morning the RPF deputies had decided to vote against it and he felt its fall was almost inevitable. This was confirmed this afternoon when the Government was voted out by 328 to 244 votes, about 70 of the Gaullists deciding against it.

Just before the vote was taken, Mayer made a prediction that a successor government would have to adopt his financial program as a minimum. He was also able to announce that the United States, the U. K., and France would hold a three-power conference in Bermuda the latter part of June. This was apparently decided upon so that the three Western powers could get their ducks in a row before reaching a vital decision on whether or not to talk to the Russians.

Meanwhile, ill feeling between the U. K. and the U. S. continues. The British press is bitter about McCarthy's attacks on Atlee and on the U.K. generally.

Henri Samuel came down here this afternoon to go over this building with me. ~~Some~~ FBO people had proposed to paint over ~~some~~ of the panelling downstairs which both he and I think ~~is~~ a great mistake and, in any event, should not be done pending a final determination as to whether this house will continue to be used for office purposes or whether it will be converted into a residence

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for the U. S. Ambassador to France.

We went after midnight to a party given by Alix and Guy de Rothschild at the Crazy Horse Bar on Avenue George V. There were a lot of young beauties ~~as~~ as well as a few people of my age. I had a long talk with Wilfrid Baumgartner, who is extremely depressed by what transpired in the National Assembly today. He says ~~that~~ the financial crisis is most grave and ~~nothing~~ nothing short of a strong government can handle its consequences. The obstacle, of course, to the functioning of any government continues to reside in those provisions of the French Constitution which make the government the victim of parliamentary combinations and intrigues.

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